

RI GHG Stakeholders Strategies Status 4/26/04

Renewable Portfolio Standard Bill - Requires 20 % of electricity from renewable sources by 2020	RIPIRG and PPL are following up in Assembly. Bob Grace spoke to R. Buck yesterday to explain the status of supply: ie. none in New England now; many NE projects in pipeline; see JK briefing for M. Adelman. K. Payne said that he has too many other priorities to push for the RPS this year. Did Narragansett Electric release their comments?	
Vehicle Energy Efficiency Incentive Bill - Rebates to those who purchase fuel-efficient vehicles; fees for all others	Under consideration in General Assembly	Stakeholders follow up in 2005 Assembly if needed
Compact Appliances - Encourage consumers to purchase the smallest appliance necessary to meet their needs in order to save electricity	Narragansett Electric is promoting for certain appliances; Narragansett Electric to develop incentives and education	
Fossil Fuel Retrofit - Financial/technical assistance to help businesses and institutions replace inefficient equipment to save fossil fuels	RISEO and Narragansett Electric continue to implement. <u>RISEO and Narragansett Electric could issue a press release on the progress of the project.</u>	
State Government Lead By Example Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order: Energy Efficient Construction in state buildings and public schools 	DEM sent EO to Jerry Williams of DOA. DEM to meet with Williams, Ferguson, Brunelle and Corr on May 3, 2004	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order: Energy Efficient State Fleets 	NESCAUM completing draft EO	Get status report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order: Comprehensive Purchasing for economical, energy efficient, environmentally preferable purchasing in state agencies. 	DEM sent EO to Jerry Williams of DOA. DEM to meet with Williams, Ferguson, Brunelle and Corr on May 3, 2004	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficient Residential Lighting and Appliances (H5325) Standards Bill (H5270) 	NEEP is promoting in Northeast. MD adopted Mar 04. Narragansett Electric will promote through ratepayer supported DSM program. EDC opposed bill in House hearing. Bill was to be heard in Senate Finance and Regulatory Committee on 3/31/04. CT adopted Apr 04.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEED traffic light changeout (NEG/EPC) 	RIDOT has installed 25%. Consultant recommends accelerating.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher Education to reduce GHGs to 10 % below 1990 level by 2012 (NEG/EPC). 	Brown and Rhode Island Universities have signed on.	GHG stakeholders, governor could urge the other institutions to join.

Distributed Generation – Remove barriers to encourage more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend air regulations to facilitate clean distributed generation 	DEM amending regulations by 12/04. <u>DEM set task force meeting, and announce in press.</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop interconnection standards and back up rates for distributed generation Backup rates 		W G & Stakeholders follow up Phase IV PUC reviews as part of 2004 rate case. GHG stakeholders drafting letter to PUC re removing backup rate barrier.
Transit Oriented Development - Study of extending commuter rail to Wickford, Kingstown and Westerly	Washington County Planning Council conducting study	Get status report from WCRPC
Vehicle Emissions - Recommendation that DEM adopt CA-LEV II regulations	DEM and Governor's Office reviewing proposal	DEM working with governor's office on announcing rulemaking process.
Education/Outreach Campaign – Promote understanding of GHG issues and encourage action	Funding proposal sent to RIF 3/31/04. Brown piloting survey. DEM developing plan.	
System Benefit Charge for Fossil Fuel Projects – Establish program similar to existing charge on electricity for all fuels to encourage efficiency	B& F Working Group developing	Next steps?
Expand Urban Suburban Forestry Projects – to encourage carbon sequestration and conserve energy.	Working Group met April 22. Workshop set for June 1 at George Washington Mgt. Area.	

Strategies Under Consideration for Phase IV:

- EPA Climate Change Analysis for RI
- Municipal Initiative
- Standardize evaluation and monitoring
- Evaluate use of biodiesel in facilities and fleets
- Advocate for hybrid vehicle incentives